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THE HUMBLE PETITION

OF

The Gentry and Commons of the County of YORK, presented to His Majestie at YORK, April 22. 1642.

AND

His MAJESTIES *Message* sent to the Parliament, April 24. 1642.

Concerning Sir *Iohn Hothams* Refusall to give His Majestie entrance into *Hull.*

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To the Kings moſt Excellent *Majeſtie.*

The humble Petition of the Gentry and Commons of the Countie of *York.*

Moſt Royall Soveraign,

ENcouraged by your Majeſties many Teſtimonies of your gracious goodneſſe to us and our Countie, which we can never ſufficiently acknowledge; We in all duty and loyalty of heart addreſſe our ſelves to your Sacred Majeſtie, beſeeching you to c.ſt your eyes and thoughts upon the ſafety of your own Perſon and your Princely Iſſue, and this whole Countie, a great meanes of which we conceive doth conſiſt in the Arms and Ammunition at *Hull*, placed there by your Princely care and charge, and ſince upon generall apprehenſion of dangers from Forreign parts

repreſented to your Majeſtie, thought fit as yet to be continued. We for our parts, conceiving our ſelves to be ſtill in danger, do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſtie, That you will be pleaſed to take ſuch courſe and order that your Magazine may ſtill there remain, for the better ſecuring of theſe and the reſt of the Northern parts, and the rather becauſe we think it fit, that that part of the Kingdom ſhould be beſt provided where your Sacred Perſon doth reſide, your Perſon being like *Davids*, The light of Iſrael, and more worth then ten thouſand of us.

Who ſhall daily pray, &c.

His

His Majesties Message sent to the *Parliament*, *April* 24. 1642.

Concerning Sir *John Hothams* Refusall to give His Majestie Entrance into *Hull*.

HIs Majestie having received the Petition incloſed from moſt of the chiefe of the Gentrie neer about York, desiring the ſtay of His Majesties Armes and Munition in His Magazine at Hull, for the ſafetie (not onely of His Majesties Perſon and Children, but likewiſe of all theſe Northern parts: The manifold rumours of great Dangers inducing them to make their ſaid Supplication) Thought it moſt fit to go himſelf in Perſon to His Town of Hull, to view His Armes and Munition there, that thereupon he might give Directions, What part thereof might be neceſſarie to re-

main there, for the ſecurity and ſatiſfaction of his Northern Subjects, and what part thereof might be ſpared for Ireland, The arming of his Majeſties Scots Subjects that are to go thither, Or to repleniſh his chiefeſt Magazine of the Tower of London; Where being come upon the three and twentieth of this inſtant April, much contrary to his expectation, he found all the Gates ſhut upon him, and the Bridges drawn up, by the expreſſe command of Sir John Hotham, (Who for the preſent commands a Garriſon there) and from the Walls flatly denied his Majeſtie Entrance into his ſaid Town, the reaſon of the ſaid deniall being as ſtrange to his Majeſtie, as the thing it ſelf, It being, That he could not admit his Majeſtie without breach of Truſt to his Parliament; which did the more incenſe his Majeſties anger againſt him, for that he moſt Seditiouſly and Traiterouſly would have put his diſobedience upon his Majeſties Parliament; Which his Majeſtie being willing

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to clear, demanded of him if he had the impudence to aver, that the Parliament had directed him to deny his Majestie entrance, and that if he had any such Order, that he should shew it in Writing, for otherwise his Majestie could not beleeve it; which he could no wayes produce, but maliciously made that false interpretation according to his own Inferences, confessing that he had no such positive Order, which his Majestie was ever confident of: But his Majestie not willing to take so much pains in vain, offered to come into that his Town onely with twentie Horse, finding that the main of his pretence lay, That his Majesties Traine was able to Command the Garrison: Notwithstanding, his Majestie was so desirous to go thither in a private way, that he gave Warning thereof but overnight; which he refusing, but by way of Condition (which his Majestie thought much below him) held it most necessarie to declare him Traitour (unlesse upon better thoughts, he should yeeld obedience)

ence) Which he doubly deserved, as well for refusing Entrance to his naturall Soveraign, as by laying the reason thereof groundlesly and maliciously upon his Parliament.

One Circumstance his Majestie cannot forget, That his Son the Duke of York, and his Nephew the Prince Elector, having gone thither the day before, Sir John Hotham delayed the letting of them out to his Majestie till after some consultation.

Hereupon his Majestie hath thought it expedient to demand Justice of his Parliament against the said Sir John Hotham, to be exemplarily inflicted on him according to the Laws, and the rather, because his Majestie would give them a fit occasion to free themselves of this imputation, by him so injuriously cast upon them, to the end his Majestie may have the easier Way for the chastising of so high a disobedience.